

Egyptian Regional Human Rights Authority
Meeting Minutes
February 22, 2011

I: Call to Order:

The regular monthly meeting of the Egyptian Regional Human Rights Authority was called to order at 5:15 PM by the Chairperson, Pam O'Connor. The meeting was held at Shawnee Community College, 8364 Shawnee College Road in Ullin.

II: Roll Call:

Members Present: Brad Friend, Al Farmer, Clarence Russell, Pam O'Connor, Phyllis Brown, Kathy Rambeau

Members Absent: Sharon Mumford, Jim Livesay

Staff Present: Judy Atherton

Guests: Lawanda Nicholson (5:50 PM to 6:15 PM)

III: Determination of a Quorum: It was determined that a quorum was present.

IV: Introductions: Lawanda Nicholson, Bureau of License and Accreditation, was introduced to the Authority members when she arrived at 5:50 PM.

V: Review and Approval of the Minutes from Previous Meeting: Friend moved to accept the minutes as written. The motion was properly seconded (Farmer) and carried..

VI: Confidentiality Statement: The Confidentiality Statement was read when the visitor arrived. Chairman O'Connor stated that personally identifiable information should not be presented in a public meeting to protect the privacy of those disabled persons on whose behalf the HRA conducts investigations. In addition, a printed confidentiality statement was posted.

VII: Communication: 1) The members reviewed an approval case transfer letter for HRA Case 11-110-9003 (Egyptian Case Number) to the East Central Regional HRA. 2) A thank you note received from the family of Carl Elliot (Sharon Mumford's father) was reviewed.

VIII: New Business

A... New Complaints:

11-110-9030... A recipient at a state-operated mental health facility was abused in 2000 and 2004 by security guards at a state-operated mental health facility. The issue has been reported several times and investigations have been conducted by the Department of Human Services, Office of the Inspector General (OIG), as well as HRA. The most recent complaint was registered and reported to OIG in November 2010. An open HRA Case (11-110-9017) is investigating the

allegation of inappropriate use of restraint associated with the abuse allegations. Friend moved to not accept the case for investigation. The motion was properly seconded (Brown) and carried.

B... Other New Business: None

C...Public Comments: None

Russell moved to enter closed session to discuss confidential information. The motion was properly seconded (Friend) and carried. The initial closed session began at 5:20 PM. When a guest arrived at 5:50 PM, Chairman O'Connor ended the closed session. When the guest departed at 6:15 PM Russell moved to re-enter closed session. The motion was properly seconded (Friend) and carried. O'Connor ended the second closed session at 6:30 PM. After that session was ended, Coordinator Atherton summarized both closed sessions. Case status updates were given for eight cases. Three Reports of Findings were accepted as written, subject to the HRA Director's approval. Three cases were approved for closure, and the Authority voted to make the findings a part of the public record.

IX: Unfinished Business:

A... Case Status Updates:

11-110-9013...Chester Mental Health Center...Members (Rambeau and Farmer) and Coordinator Atherton provided a case status update.

11-110-9017...Chester Mental Health Center....Members (Rambeau and Farmer) and Coordinator Atherton provided a case status update.

11-110-9018...Chester Mental Health Center...Members (Rambeau and Farmer) and Coordinator Atherton provided a case status update.

11-110-9020...Chester Mental Health Center...Coordinator Atherton provided a case status update.

11-110-9021...Chester Mental Health Center....Coordinator Atherton provided a case status update.

11-110-9025...Chester Mental Health Center....Coordinator Atherton provided a case status update.

11-110-9026...Chester Mental Health Center....Coordinator Atherton provided a case status update.

11-110-9029...Chester Mental Health Center....Coordinator Atherton provided a case status update.

B... Reports of Findings:

10-110-9049...Choate Mental Health Center...(MI Division)..Friend moved to approve the draft report as written, subject to the approval of the HRA Director. The motion was properly seconded (Brown) and carried.

11-110-9005....Chester Mental Health Center...Friend moved to approve the draft report as written, subject to the approval of the HRA Director. The motion was properly seconded (Brown) and carried.

11-110-9014...Chester Mental Health Center...Friend moved to approve the draft report as written, subject to the approval of the HRA Director. The motion was properly seconded (Farmer) and carried.

C...Closure:

11-110-9002...Chester Mental Health Center...Russell moved to close the case, make the report a part of the public record and to send the report to the complainant and IT for posting on the Internet. The motion was properly seconded (Brown) and carried.

11-110-9009...Chester Mental Health Center...Friend moved to close the case, make the report a part of the public record and to send the report to the complainant and IT for posting on the Internet. The motion was properly seconded (Farmer) and carried.

11-110-9010...Chester Mental Health Center...Friend moved to close the case, make the report a part of the public record and to send the report to the complainant and IT for posting on the Internet. The motion was properly seconded (Farmer) and carried.

D... Other Unfinished Business: None

X: Announcements from the Chair:

The members agreed to have the next HRA meeting at Triple E, 15 West Frankfort Plaza in West Frankfort on March 29, 2011 at 5 PM.

IX: Adjournment:

Rambeau moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was properly seconded (Russell) and carried. The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 6:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Rambeau, Secretary
Egyptian Regional Human Rights Authority.

